

SENATE BILL 2592

By Burchett

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 53
and Title 68, relative to food.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 53, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 53-1-1___. The department of agriculture shall require, by regulation, that all food for human consumption that has been genetically altered or modified, including food containing a food ingredient which has been genetically altered or modified, sold or served in an establishment which the department inspects shall be appropriately labeled or notice shall be appropriately given to the public that such food has been genetically altered or modified or contains an ingredient that is genetically altered or modified. Such regulation shall address the manner in which foods that have been genetically altered or modified shall be labeled or notice of such alteration or modification shall be given and such other matters, as the department finds necessary to administer this requirement. .

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 14, Part 3, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 68-14-3___. The department of health shall require, by regulation, that all food for human consumption that has been genetically altered or modified, including food containing a food ingredient which has been genetically altered or modified, sold or served in an establishment which the department inspects shall be appropriately labeled or notice shall be appropriately given to the public that such food has been genetically altered or modified or contains an ingredient that is genetically altered or modified. Such regulation shall address the manner in which foods that have been genetically altered or modified shall be labeled or notice of such alteration or modification shall be given

SECTION 3. The commissioner of agriculture and the commissioner of health are authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act. The commissioner of agriculture and the commissioner of health are urged to collaborate on the promulgation of rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 4. For the purposes of promulgating rules, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect January 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.